

Harbor Welcome

Read how two places shaped the immigrant journey.

SS.2.A.2.6 "Discuss the importance of Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty to immigration from 1892 - 1954."

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DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline details that tell why the Statue of Liberty was important. Circle details that tell why Ellis Island was important.

A First View of America

- ① From 1892 to 1954, many people came to the United States by ship. As ships entered New York Harbor, travelers could see the Statue of Liberty. Its torch and tall figure made a powerful first sight.
- ② The statue stood for liberty, or freedom. It welcomed people arriving from other countries. Seeing it gave many newcomers hope for a free life. The statue was important because it became a symbol of welcome and freedom.
- ③ After seeing the statue, many travelers went to Ellis Island. Workers asked questions and checked each person's health and papers. People who passed the checks could enter the United States. Ellis Island was important because it was the place where many immigrants were welcomed and processed.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 What did the Statue of Liberty stand for, and how did it help newcomers feel?

2 What did workers at Ellis Island check?

3 Why was Ellis Island important to many immigrants?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Imagine you arrived by ship in New York Harbor. Write exactly two sentences to a family member, telling what you saw first and why the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island mattered on your journey.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline details that tell why the Statue of Liberty was important. Circle details that tell why Ellis Island was important. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What did the Statue of Liberty stand for, and how did it help newcomers feel?	It stood for freedom and welcome. It gave many newcomers hope for a free life.
2	What did workers at Ellis Island check?	They checked each person's health and papers, and they asked questions.
3	Why was Ellis Island important to many immigrants?	It was the place where many immigrants were checked, welcomed, and processed before they could enter the United States.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I saw the Statue of Liberty as our ship entered the harbor, and it gave me hope for freedom. At Ellis Island, workers checked my health and papers before I could enter the United States.

Accept two sentences that describe seeing the Statue of Liberty and explain its message of freedom or welcome, plus Ellis Island's role in checking or processing immigrants. Accept reasonable first-person details that fit the historical information in the passage.